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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/29/07

SPONSOR Trujillo LAST UPDATED _____ HB 474

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Paper to Digital Document Conversion SB _____

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY07 | FY08 | | |
| | \$300.0 | Recurring | General Fund |
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Making an Appropriation for Santa Fe County to Contract for Services to Convert Paper Documents to Digital Documents

House Bill 474 appropriates \$300.0 to the Local Government Division, Department of Finance and Administration to reimburse Santa Fe County for contractual services to convert paper documents to digital records.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The appropriation is to be used for older records only. Santa Fe County has records dating back to 1840 that are currently stored in the basement of the county courthouse. The County proposes

to develop an index filing system for the historical materials to preserve their integrity and for quick reference. The Department of Finance and Administration reports that the volumes of data in the present state pose a fire hazard and could be exposed to water damage.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Valuable historical documents could be lost to fire, water damage or other hazards.

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